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SUBJECT: KALAMAZOO SPICE

REF: A. STATE 308565, B. ADDIS 11561

1. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED CURRENT PEPPER SITUATION WITH ATO MAKONNEN HUNDE OF ETHIOPIAN SPICE. ACCORDING TO ATO MAKONNEN, PRICE IS STILL IN THE RANGE INDICATED IN REF B. HE HAS ATTEMPTED TO BUY PEPPERS DIRECTLY FROM FARMERS BUT RAN INTO STRONG RESISTANCE FROM MERCHANTS AND HAS DECIDED TO DISCONTINUE THIS EFFORT. PRICE AT FARM GATE IS CURRENTLY 34.00 BIRR/FRASULA (17 KG) AND 38.00/FRASULA IN ADDIS ABABA.

2. ATO MAKONNEN EXPECTS TO BEGIN PLANT OPERATIONS IN APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS. THUS FAR HE HAS NOT PURCHASED LARGE QUANTITIES OF PEPPERS AS THE LOCAL MERCHANTS USUALLY BID 1.00 TO 2.00 BIRR MORE THAN HE IS ABLE TO OFFER. HE IS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO BUY DIRECTLY FROM FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS. THE RESULTS OF THIS EFFORT, HOWEVER, REMAIN TO BE SEEN.

3. ATO MAKONNEN HAS SENT TWO TELEXES TO KALAMAZOO SPICE, ON THE 21ST OF DECEMBER AND ONE ON THE 27TH OF DECEMBER WHICH, ACCORDING TO ATO MAKONNEN, CONTAIN FIRM OFFERS TO KALAMAZOO  
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SPICE.

4. COMMENTS:  
AS ETHIOPIAN SPICE AND KALAMAZOO SPICE ARE IN TOUCH CONCERNING PURCHASE OF SEMI-PROCESSED PEPPER, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE DISCONTINUE PROVIDING SANDELIN WITH FURTHER SPECIFIC INFORMA-

TION. IT APPEARS TO US THAT SANDELIN'S MOST RECENT REQUEST  
WAS REALLY NOT NECESSARY IN VIEW OF OUR EARLIER REPORT ABOUT  
THE SITUATION HERE. WHILE THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT HE  
WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM INDEPENDENT SOURCES,  
IT DOES NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE EMBASSY TO PLAY SUCH A  
ROLE ON A CONTINUING BASIS. CONSEQUENTLY, IF SANDELIN SHOULD  
REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE FUTURE WE RECOMMEND THAT  
HE BE POLITELY BUT FIRMLY REFUSED.  
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